

**REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

By this Amendment, Applicant supplies a new Abstract. Applicant also: cancels claims 10-18 without disclaimer of the underlying subject matter or prejudice against future prosecution.

Accordingly, claims 3-9 are pending in the application.

**The Examiner is respectfully requested again to acknowledge the claim for priority and receipt of the priority document. The Examiner is also respectfully requested to indicate whether the drawings are acceptable.**

Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 3-9 are allowed.

**SPECIFICATION**

By this Amendment, Applicant submits a new Abstract. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the Abstract is now moot.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 3-9 and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283.0720 to discuss these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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